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Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2004, Applicants find that the IDS submitted on October 8, 2004 was one day after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that IDS previously submitted be considered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the fee of \$180.00 as set forth by § 1.17(p) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97(d), and 1.97(e), each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any

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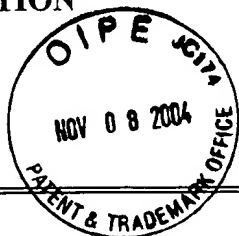
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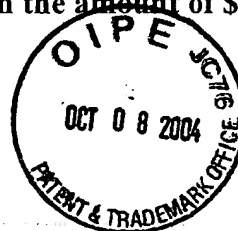
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